STAR BASEBALL

Charley Bennett Too Is Not Forgotten the Veteran Students of the Camebilling, Gitteon, Carrigan and Others Have Many Crack Predecessor

When Gibson of the Pittsburg world's hampions caught 150 games last year he hung up a record that may not be ed for many years to come and created a general belief that he posmore skill than many great backstops in days gone by. Still the studious ca of the game were not ready to it that Gibson was the equal of the famous John Kling of the victorious Cubs, who in spite of a year of idleness en now considered the star catcher of modern times. It is only natural for the new crop of baseball fans to consider backstops as Kling, Gibson, Carrigan of the Boston Red Sox, Roger Bresn, once of the Giants and now of the St. Louis Cardinals; Sullivan of the Thite Sox and others unequalled in point of playing skill, but old timers are lways ready to disagree with them when coking back over the pages of diamond

You can find many veteran baseball asts who will tell you that a greater toher than Buck Ewing never lived; hat Charley Bennett, Jim McGuire, Duke Parrell, Jack Boyle, Charley Ganzel, Lou Criger. Charley Zimmer, Jack O'Connor. Tom Daly, Doc Bushong, Wilbert Robinon, Dick Buckley, Charley Snyder, Calliope Miller, John Clement, Emil Gross. like Kelly, Silver Flint, Vincent Nava. Im White and Ca! McVey were among the most famous backstops that ever od behind the plate. All these stars did phenomenal work, as the records will ow, and those who saw them in action will stick to the belief that no better satchers are wearing the mask and chest tor at the present time. Going back more than thirty years

agorthe records show that Jim White. Harly called Descon, was a crack cociver; also Cal McVey. livery of A. G. Spalding at different nes and displayed rare skill. McVey sucht for Boston in 1872 and took part seded by White, who in 1875 took part in 1878 played ot for Boston in 1872 and was sucseventy-nine games and in 1878 played in sixty-four games, leading the National League, catchers in the lutter year with a fielding average of 7al. It must be remembered that McVey and White did not wear big mitts or chest protectors in those days, and there were many occupations when they want belief the company of the war allowed to get away. Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the Chicago White Sox, developed several famous catchers, including Doc Bushong. Jack Boyle and Billy Sullivan. Bushong caught for Comiskey's St. Louis Browns, who were they appeared by the company of the co without masks, so that their work was all the more remarkable, as they caught game after game suffering from bone White later gave up catching and became in their hands and other bruises. a star third baseman, playing that corner of the diamond for Buffale, Detroit Pittsburg. The Deacon was always a heavy hitter, leading the League in 1877 with an average of 385. McVey too as a big sticker and ranked third in the rerages of 1875 with 345 when he played at base for the Chicago team. Charley Snyder became famous

catcher in Louisville in 1877, and the next year he set the baseball world on n he led the league catchers with an age of ,841 for fifty-four games, and indled the curves of the renowned comes Bond with great skill. Emil comes a big man physically, made an collent record with the Providence John M. Ward's receiver in 1879, was excelled in the averages by ver Flint of Chicago, who led the league y-four games. Flint was a horse for ors. His stamina caused a feeling of awe ton the pennant in 1880, 1881, 1882, 1885 and 1886, though in the last two seasons and 1886, though in the last two seasons was helped out to a great extent by ing Larry Corcoran, Fred Goldsmith, McCormick and John Clarkson. He ht sixty-two games in 1880, seventy-in 1881 and seventy-nine in 1882. with t

was continually on the job in the remaining years of his engagement.

When Providence won the pennant in 1882. When Providence won the pennant in 1884, with Radbourne and Sweeney as pitchers Barney Gilligan and Vincent Neva were the catchers. They were little microphysically but they did not fear work. Gilligan caught seventy-nine games that year, handling Radbourne's curves in a stepling record. But Charley Bennett of the Detroits was the champion receiver in 173 minutes at the opening meet of the Atlanta Automobile Speedway last Novemetroits was the champion receiver ee days, for he led the league not n 1881 1882 and 1883 but kept up od work by carrying off first honors is good work by carrying on the fielding averages of 1885, 1886, 1886, 1880, 1890 and 1893. Bennett caught r less than fifty games in any of these years and in 1890 he played in eightyfive for an average of 944. He worked
like a machine, having very few passed
balls and throwing to bases with the aim
of a sharpshooter. Furthermore Bennett
never fussed with the umpire. He held
his tongue even when decisions were
rendered against him and was one of the
model players of his time. His career was
cut short when he was a member of the
Bostons. He was run over by a locomotive and lost both legs. Among the well
knews pitchers handled by Bennett were
Lady Baldwin, Getzein, Conway, Dupee
Shaw, Clarkson, Stivetts, Nichols and
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Rennett had a side partner. Charley Ganzel, while in Detroit, and both were sold to Boston, together with Dan Brouthers and Hardie Richardson, in 1888. Genzel was a clean out catcher, a superbitrower and possessed an even temper, styriag usually high in the averages and was an excellent batsman. Mike Kelly was not a great catcher from the standpoint of fielding averages, but he was a wonderful ballplayer and a winner. He was full of tricks, knew the batsmen's receiving and was of valuable assistance to his boxmen. He was a swift and accurate thrower to bases and an accomplished kicker, for he seldom failed to make an umpire's life miserable when his fearn was receiving the worst of the graits. Kelly could play anywhere for that matter. He even pitched now and then, but his strongest point was hitting and base running. He led the league in hatting in 1886 with an average of .385 for 188 games.

Buck Ewing, the daddy of them all, was in his prime in 1888 and 1889, although he caught some fine ball in 1890 and 1891. Ewing was a stone wall behind the batter was also a wonderful thrower and a tremendous hitter, as well as a fleet base he won the National League pennant and the world's series twice in succession and was a hero with the fast purchased and the product of speed in the first place, of course, the first place of the amount of thought and preparation necessary in entering a contest of speed. In the first place, of course, the same to know that your engine bearings are in the best possible of speed. In the first place, of course, the same to know that your engine bearings are in the best possible when his standard was a herowall assistance to his box many for place of the amount of thought and preparation necessary in entering a contest of speed. In the first place, of course, the same to know that every perfect, that your wheel bearings are in the best possible on the standard place of the amount of thought and preparation heresianly in the seriors of speed. In ey. Charles ey. ennett had a side partner. Charley seel while in Detroit, and both were seel while in Detroit and both were seel with Dan

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shooting over the plate. Ewing caught seventy-eight games in 1888 with a fielding average of .861 and a batting average of .306. In 1889 he officiated behind the bat in 94 out of 131 games, with .894 in fielding CATCHERS

and 326 in batting.

Tom Daly, who caught his first major league games with the Chicagos and then helped the Brooklyns to win the pennant in 1890, was another fine backstop and thrower until he injured his arm and became a second baseman. He was one of the fastest men in the country in getting after foul flies. Dick Buckley, who was playing ball when his hair was gray, led the league catchers in 1891 when a member of the Giants with .944 for sixty-six games. He practically made Amos Rusie, for the big Hoosier could not pitch with effect to anybody else that season. Malachi Kittredge, a short, stocky chap, was the leading National League catcher in 1892. He played with the Chicagos and caught, among others, thrower until he injured his arm and the Chicagos and caught, among others, the noted Clark Griffith. Kittredge caught sixty-games that year with an average

Chief Zimmer, an iron man who stood the battering of many crack pitchers with the Clevelands, was the leader in 1894, when he caught eighty-eight games with an average of .935. That was the year that Duke Farrell, who had previously earned fame as a Chicago backstop, was a bright star at the Polo Grounds when a bright star at the Polo Grounds when the Giants, under John M. Ward, won the Temple cup from the Baltimores. Farrell caught Rusie and Meekin, both speed merchants, with an ease and grace that delighted thousands of fans, many of whom remember him to this day. Wilbert Robinson of the Baltimores and John Clement of the Philadelphias were tied for first honors in 1885, the Johnson John Clement of the Philadelphias were tied for first honors in 1895, the former catching seventy-four games and the latter eighty-four. Deacon Jim McGuire, another stone wall, carried off the honors in 1898, when he caught ninety-two games for the Washingtons with an average of .952. Zimmer again led the league in 1901, when he officiated with the wind pad and mitt in sixty-seven games for the 1901, when he officiated with the wind part and mitt in sixty-seven games for the Pittsburgs, and Kittredge, then with the Bostons, came back in the following year with 1900 for seventy-two games.

Jack: Warner of the Giants was the

league's leading catcher in 1903 and 1904 in point of fielding averages, and Frank Bowerman, also of McGraw's team, held the top rung of the ladder in 1906 and 1907. Bergen of the Brooklyns was the leader in 1908. He showed practically as much skill then as his brother Martin, who caught skill then as his brother. Merith, who caught eighty-two games for the Bostons in 1897. Roger Bresnahan will always be-remembered by New York fans as a hard worker. He caught the great Mathewson with skill and was the life of the New son with skill and was the life of the life York team. Bresnahan, in the opinion of many, came nearer filling Buck Ewing's place at the Polo Grounds than any other New York catcher. He was a superb

caught for Comiskey's St. Louis Browns, who won several pennants in the old American Association. He handled Bobby Caruthers and Long Dave Foutz, and after being traded to the Brooklyns he continued to do excellent work. Boyle succeeded Bushong in St. Louis, and with Pitcher Silver King as his leading partner in strategy he developed a remarkable battery. Sullivan, still with the White Sox was rated the best catcher in the was rated the best catcher in the merican League several years ago, but e may have gone back a trifle. Lou Criser, who will be with the High-

landers this year, was a leading backstop when with the Clevelands under Pat Tebeau and later with the Boston Red Sox when they won the world's cham-pionship, but a serious spinal trouble put him out of the game after that for Finally recovering his health and strength Criger returned to baseball and showed much of his former skill, but in St. Louis last year he complained that the climate did not agree with him and welcomed the deal that transferred him to this city.

Ossie Shreckengost, who caught Rube Waddell, Plank, Bender and other pitchers for the Philadelohia Athletics, cannot be left out of this story. Neither pitchers for the Philadelphia Athletics, cannot be left out of this story. Neither can Jack O'Connor, who was a sterling backstop for the Clevelands and Pittsburgs, and Morgan Murphy, who was famous as catcher of the champion Boston American Association team under Arthur Irwin in 1881. The old Mets of 1884 contributed Billy Holbert and Ballychlegon. tributed Billy Holbert and Reipschlager os when they to the list of great catchers and there is 1881, 1882, 1885 were many other good ones. Suffice it ast two seasons to say, though, that when you see some of the star catchers in harness nowadays it is well to remember that they are folas famous and no doubt equally

Atlanta Automobile Speedway last November, thereby winning the immense gold trophy offered by the city of Atlanta in gathered together for a speedway race. "Why, it doesn't feel at all," answered Disbrow, laughing at the question. "Almost everybody askes me the same thing, and my best answer is that during a race I am too much occupied in watching the track and listening to the hum of my motor to analyze my feelings The enthusiasm. which exists through the race are matters to be thought about before and after, not during the contest. I fancy that most race drivers feel about the same way. real worry and nervousness come before-hand in the preparation of the car—making sure that not one little thing that has put many a good car out of the running has been neglected.

ras a kicker, but his protests never savored of ruffianism. He was very good natured and jollied his men continually. In a pinch he was seidom found wanting and as an exponent of team work he was never excelled. Taking him, in all departments of the game he was probably one of the greatest ball players that ever put on a uniform, and veteran critics above the description of the greatest ball players that ever put on a uniform, and veteran critics above the description of the them competed that a large percentage of the randidates is ineligible and not one man can be found on the squad for the 155 and heavyweight classes whose the university counsities on athletics are spring abolished wrestling as a sport, the team that they would compete for the team, that they would compete for the team, that they would compete for the team that they would compete for the table that they would compete for the table that they would compete for the prevent as a probably the swiftest pitcher he ever faced, yet he used to make the big twirler and the probable that the failure of the team that they would compete for the table that they would compete for the table that they would compete for the team that they would compete for the t

THE CIRCUS AT RED BLUFF

Collapse of an Uplift Movement Due to a Strictly Moral Congeries.

RED BLUFF, Cal., Feb. 8. - This thriving own on the banks of the blue Sagranento is not going in for uplift very soon gain if it knows itself, nor is it likely that any strictly moral hippodrome and three ring congeries of the world's wonders will find the county seat of Tehama county. Cal., just overflowing with enthusiasm and loose coin another time during the

Red Bluff has always been a hustling town with a hustling Board of Trade and some live citizens in the town council. Because of its strategic position at the head of navigation on the Sacramento River and the centre of the grain and wool interests of all the upper reaches of the broad Sacramento valley, Red Bluff had accumulated no small amount of civic pride and well merited self-esteem before Yankee Smith's forty car circus and mammoth zoo of all the world's fauna came to town. Now it has hurt pride and a damaged camel to serve as the one great memento of the circus'

visit Yankee Smith's show dropped down over the Oregon State line two weeks ago and touched Red Bluff's pride showing there first of all the valley towns in northern California. It passed up Redding, and the insignificant village of Cottonwood, which is disgraced by the bi-weekly publication of the Sidewinder, was not even considered as a worthy show place.

So in came Yankee Smith's cars. They were switched to the sidetracks by the side of the fruit cannery and the tents sprung up out in the western addition beyond the high school. Since this was the first circus to hit town in more than three years there was naturally some excitement along Main street, and the Occidental Hotel, where the performers put up, was the centre of interest.

A man who said he was the treasurer of the show went right down to the Court House and asked what the license cost. When he learned that Red Bluff was scrupulous in the protection of its morals and demanded a license fee of \$50 for travelling shows under canvas, while all performances in Kingley's Opera House had to pay only \$10, this treasurer seemed to be slightly put out. He was a large man who seemed to have enjoyed wide contact with the world and his vocabulary was unusual even in a town where the sheep men foregather. But City Clerk Gans insisted that \$50 was the price of showing in Red Bluff and the treasures paid it

Then he went out to get supplies. was a generous provider, this man. The bill he ran up at Bone & Gimball's de-partment store was large. It in cluded hay and carrots and bran for the en and helpers.

tent men and helpers.

This treesurer was a genial man despite the little argument he had with the City Clerk; he wore the buttons of the Native Offspring of the Woolly Bear, the insignia of the Red Men and the three horned moon of the Grangers Grand Range, all of which put him in right with Bone 4: Gimball and the other tradesmen on Main trees. street. They were perfectly willing to allow him to take the goods and to collect their bills after the close of the night While the

While the tents were going up this treasurer ranged around town a little, going from the bar of the Occidental to the bar of the National, with an occasional tour to Billy's place. Consequently he of the leading citizens and from them he heard of the new civic improvement and ethical uplift movement. Nearly all the members of the Red Bluff

City Beautiful Association met up with this treasurer during the course of the day and talked to him about the new park. It was natural that they should, considering the fact that just the week before the new park had been opened and three cougars and one bald eagle.

of what all the members hoped would be some day the finest zoological collection west of the Rockies.

It might be well to explain parenthetically that this new park and municipal zoo were the outgrowth of a determined effort on the part of the Red Bluff City Beautiful Association to make the gateway of the city down at the railroad station worthy of the charms of the growing city. Perhaps the fact that Redding had a bear pit between the station and the eating house and that Cottonwood had installed a family of carefully trained and harmless skunks near its railroad station as curiosities and attraction. railroad station as curiosities and attractions of the town had led Red Bluff to a brave effort to outdo every rival town between Shasta and Carquinez. At any rate a whole block had been laid out behind the railroad station in tastefully arranged walks and gardens and the cougar cages had been provided each with a painted background, wonderfully like the lava country back of Lassen Butter, so that the cougars might feel themselves at home and also that the tout ensemble of the new park might be heightened.

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As the town remembers the incident, it was William Henry Dasher, the president of the City Beautiful Association, who first took the circus treasurer around to see the park between drinks. William says it wasn't he, but Harvey Haas, the popular clothier and secretary of the association, who introduced the circus treasurer to the three cougars and the bald eagle.

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At any rate the treasurer got tremendously interested in the beautiful park and the project to make the gateway of the city beautiful as well as interesting. The circus man said between mouthfuls of a Mamie Taylor over at the Occidental bar shortly before noon that really he felt that such civic endeavor should receive generous assistance.

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town was electrified shortly after 1 o'clock when the circus treasurer met up with William Henry Dasher in front of the post office and drew him aside mysteriously and told him that Yankee Smith's unparalleled show had decided to do something handsome by Red Bluff's budding zoo simply as a mark of appreciation of Red Bluff's hospitality and as an incentive to further manful effort along the lines of faunal conservation.

"Let me tip you off, it is something worth while," were the words the circus treasurer whispered in Mr. Dasher's ear. "If you will gather together the members

treasurer whispered in Mr. Dasher's ear. "If you will gather together the members of your association and the Mayor of the town—for we want the community to be officially represented—and have them all out at the circus grounds to-night while our men are striking the tents after the night's performance the presentation by the circus to the association will there be made."

Mr. Dasher asked the genial circus treasurer what it was that Red Bluff could expect. The circus treasurer simply winked darkly and led the way to Billy's place.

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"It's something that you can't lasso around in these parts," said he. "It will give tone to your park, for there isn't another like it from Portland to San Diego."

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Needless to say the worthy president of the City Beautiful Association didn't keep his secret long. That's why the town was electrified shortly after 1 o'clock. Mr. Dasher told it to the crowd in the Occidental and the crowd in the Occidental naturally drifted right over to the National and up and down Main street, carrying the news. There was a

tremendous crush out at the tents that afternoon. Everybody in Red Bluff except the three injured brakemen in the general hospital was out in the western addition

Perhaps people thought at the time that Chief of Police Stark was a little lax with the three card men and the pea chasers who ringed the tents with their booths who ringed the tents with their booths and tables and took in hard money by the crookedest exhibition of strong arm work in gambling that Red Bluff had ever seen; but then Chief Stark did not feel like interfering because of the promised gift of the circus people which was to come that night. As he said later, it put him embarrassing position, but

The night performance was a also and everybody hung around after the last act was over to see what was going to happen when the presentation was made. Mayor Walton was there was made. Mayor Walton was the in his high hat—the first time he'd worm in his high hat—the first time he'd worm in '92'. that hat since he, was married in William Henry Dasher on behalf of City Beautiful Association wore his frock coat and a new top piece. Every other member of the association was there also as well as representatives of the city and

ressurer came around and collected al the boys and took them out through the dressing room tents to a little pony tent behind the main cook wagons. The flap of that tent was lowered and there was a climbe grapher of the state ingle gasolene flare outside of

ad the boys wait there.

There were nearly fifty of them and when the show was out half the audience came storming around to press up be-hind. They waited there for nearly an hour after the performance was over and he big tent was all down and packed Then the circus treasurer brought Yankee Smith, the show's owner, around to the front of the little tent.

Yankee Smith, a very broad man with heavy black mustache, shook hands with layor Walton and all the members of the association very cordially. Then he took his place under the flare in front of the closed flap of the little tent and he

began a little speech.
"Worthy citizens of this beautiful and enterprising town of Red Bluff," he began, not in all my experience as an educator of youth and an amuser of adults have had the pleasure of meeting up such an enterprising body of public spirits as I do now in this gem of the Szcramento Valley. I am a man who has seen the world and who appreciates unselfish ef-fort when it is directed into public chan-nels. Being such a man of the world I

nay not be misunderstood when I say that whatever I in my poor way may do to foster and further this glorious municipal spirit will deserve no reward except the consciousness of your heartfelt ap Mayor Walton took off his high hat and

led the cheering at this point. Y Smith held up a hand for silence. "In behalf of the Yankee Smith and unparalleled hippodrome and three ring congeries of the wonders of the world wish to give to the City Beautiful Association of this city and through it to this generous city itself a faunal prize, the like of which cannot be duplicated in all this broad land of yours. I wish to give into your keeping an animal which I trust you will cherish and tenderly keep as a little souvenir of the admiration which an humble showman has for your city's bountiful appreciation of real art

city's bountiful appreciation of real art and high class entertainment.

"When this city of canvas shall have disappeared in the night and not a vestige of all the hurrying throng shall remain you will then have in your budding zoological gardens at the railroad station a constant reminder of an honest man's gratitude. Bifly, pull the curtain."

The circus treasurer thus addressed flicked back the curtain of the little tent and a strange smell was wafted out. All

and a strange smell was wafted out. the boys craned their necks, not daring step inside the tent. By the feeble lig the boys craned their necks, not daring to step inside the tent. By the feeble light of the gasolene flare they could just distinguish the lines of a recumbent camel on a bed of straw. The camel's eyes and his strange smell were about the only features of the gift which they could "From the deserts of the great Sa-hara

gentlemen! gentlemen! From the unwatered deserts of the great Sa-hara!" gried the circus treasurer in a resonant voice. All the boys were completely flabber-

It was several minutes before Mayor Wal-ton could find his tongue. Then he made a little speech of acceptance in which he said that this beautiful ship of the desert would always adorn the gateway to Red Bhiff, symbolical of the venturesome spirit of her pioneers who had come there and made the desert to flower like a gar-den. He closed by saying that in antici-pation of Yankee Smith's generosity he by one of the leading ranchmen back of Tucson's Buttes, constituted the nucleus of what all the members hoped would be some day the finest zoological collection west of the Rockies.

12d - commanded City Clerk Gans to be present and to return to the circus treasurer the little item of \$50 demanded that morning as a license fee. That was little enough, said the Mayor, to show the city's appreciation of Yankee Smith's generative commanded City Clerk Gans to be present and to return to the circus treasurer the little item of \$50 demanded that morning as a license fee. had com

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City Clerk Gans then stepped forward and handed to the circus treasurer ten shining gold pieces. With that the ceremony was over.

Then Yankee Smith advised the boys that they should not try to move the came!

that night. He was ready for sleep, said the showman, and it was dangerous to try to move a camel which was ready for sleep or already asleep. The show would be perfectly willing to leave the tent in which the camel was sleeping, he added, rather than risk disturbing him by taking the little square of canvas down.
So Mayor Walton appointed Jim Huyse.

So Mayor Walton appointed Jim Huyse, the town marshal, to stay on guard over the camel for the rest of that night and all the boys went home to their long deserted beds. The circus pulled out at 2 o'clock in the morning.

Little remains to be told. When the boys went around early in the morning to move the camel they found it wouldn't get up. By the light of day they also discovered that it was about the worst looking camel that ever drew breath. The hair was all off its hump, all its teeth were gone and with every breath it sighed like a hog engine taking a grade.

Daylight also brought out the fact that the generous showman had skipped without paying any of the bills for provender and grub which were to have been presented at the close of the night performance, that he hadn't paid Mayor Walton's brother for the rent of the show grounds and that there wasn't a chicken left in all the western addition.

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As these lines are being penned the camel, which has never got up from its bed of straw out at the show grounds, is believed to be nearer dead than it was yesterday; and the Red Bluff City Beautiful Association, which has hired Jim Huyse's younger brother to feed that camel two gallons of bread and milk mush every day for almost two weeks, has gone very day for almost two weeks, has gone into executive session on the proposition to chloroform the city's pride and sell the skin to Paul Stoll, the harnessmaker.

New York and New Jersey Association Adopts Constitution.

All arrangements have now been made All arrangements have now been made for the clubs comprising the newly organized New York and New Jersey Cricket Association. At a meeting held at The Hermitage, the delegates present adopted the constitution and by-laws drafted by D. G. Humble, W. F. Jackson, C. E. Marshall, B. Harding and R. Roughton.

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B. Harding introduced a motion that the New York Veteran Cricketers be permitted to enter a junior eleven in the competition, which was carried, and six teams will compete in the series of 1910. The election of the following officers was confirmed: President, R. St. G. Walker, Staten Island C. C., vice-presidents, W. de M. Hooper, Benson-hurst C. C. H. R. Chittick, Crescent A. C. secretary, F. F. Kelly, New York Veteran C. A. treasurer, W. A. W. Melville, Bellevue C. To conform to the by laws the schedule of games will be arranged by the executive committee between March 1 and 15.

The New York Veterans have just concluded arrangements for a trip to Philadelphia this season and will meet the following teams: July 11, Philadelphia C. C. Veterans; July 12, Germantown C. C. Veterans; July 13, Belmont C. C. Veterans; July 14, Merion C. C. Veterans; July 15, 16, All Philadelphia Veterans.

The New York Veterans will hold their seventh annual dinner on Monday evening, February, 71, at Monquin's on Ann street. The committee members are W. H. Rutty, Henry Martin and F. F. Kelly. for the clubs comprising the newly organ-

MARKED CARDS AND A TRAITOR

Crooked Play on Both Sides in Poker Game on Board the Houseboat Salina.

The course of the houseboat Salina after she started from St. Louis for New Orleans was perplexingly devious. Dropping down the river with the current at the least possible expenditure of money for fuel, the cap'n, at the direction of Mr. Lindsay, who controlled everything and everybody on board, would make a landing or come to anchor pear every town of considerable size on either side of the stream. Then would follow a stay more or less prolonged according to the prospects of profit, and the stay would be broken short at a word from

Lindsay Occasionally the new start would be made up stream, and the length of time consumed in returning to some place omitted on the way down or in revisiting some other place plainly indicated that Mr. Lindsay was in no haste to finish his trip. It therefore happened, that when it was proposed to return to Memphis after the Salina had gone as far as Helena the suggestion was not unfavorably received.

"I reckon we uns c'n do as well place as another," observed Lindsay, "if there's them there what's lookin' f'r a game.

"They're lookin' all right," Faxon, who was commonly called Redney because of his complexion.

Faxon had come on board the Selina alone, soon after her arrival at Helena. at a time of day when he was reasonably well assured that there would be no other visitors. Securing a private interview

As it contained a possibility of gain to him he restrained his first impulse, which was to throw Redney overboard, and listened patiently to the details. When he had grasped the idea fully he expressed himself as already recorded, gave Mr.

Faxon another drink of his choice whiskey. and escorted him to the gangplank. "Yo' all wanter step kind o' keerful goin' asho'. A man like yo' don't wanter fall in the river. Not accidental, he don't," was his parting injunction, de-

livered with grave emphasis. Then he called Buck Whipple. Foster and Parson Tripp to a consulta-

"This here Faxon 'pears to be nigh about as ornery trash as I ever seen," he said with an expression of deep disgust. "He done come down the river for to get we uns to go back to Memphis.

'Pears him an' a couple o' pals o' hisn is done heard o' the game we had with them yaps what come abo'd with th' idee o' doin' of us up, an' his pals is done put up a job for to play us with marked cyards. 'Pears they know what kind o' cyards we uns is got on the Salina, an' they done laid in a stock similar, an' marked a dozen deoks private, reck'nin' on gettin' us back there f'r a game an' gettin' our hard earned winnin's away f'm us felonious.

"F'm what he tells I reckon Faxon must 'a' put up the job his own self an' got these other two pirates to put in the money. They done got about \$2,500 together an' sent him down here fer to tell

ve uns about it. "Then, when he's comin' down here he has a chanct o' studyin' some, an' bein' 's he's done heerd consid'able about what sort of a game we uns puts up he gets kind o' chicken livered, an' now he p'poses for to throw his pals down an' play in with us f'r a p'centage o' that \$7.500 ruther 'n to take chances with them on gettin' our wad. So he comes to me an' p'poses for to steer 'em

he might bet as much as he chose from the wad he held in reserve.

The first round was played quietly, everybody at the table seeming desirous

everybody at the table seeming desirous of sizing up his adversaries before push-ing the play. No tricks were to be looked for until the game should have progressed a little further, but no one's vigilance was relaxed for an instant on that ac-

Before the second round had been played Parson Tripp saw plainly what was so deftly done that it escaped the observation of the others. The deal had gone around to Faxon and that worthy, in the very act of rifling as it seemed, had substituted for the deck that had come to him another of precisely the same design

and color.
"I wonder now," said the parson to him-self, "which way that skunk's goin to

But he said nothing aloud and watched Faxon the closer. Joslyn had the age and the parson saw Faxon direct his attention by a shifting glance to the top card remaining on the deck after the deal. Also he plainly saw that Joslyn looked eagerly at the card.

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Then he caught Lindsay's eye and signalled him to be watchful, after which he looked at his own hand. Finding he had three nines, he trailed after Foster had come in but was fully prepared to see Mathews raise, as he did.

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Lindsay thought a moment, then saw the raise and Faxon laid down. Joslyn raised again and Foster laid down. At this point the parson was consider-ing whether three nines would justify

his staying against a double raise his staying against a double raise, when he caught a glance from Faxon which convinced him that the fourth nine was coming to him in the draw, and he resolved instantly to find out if it would come. Accordingly he made it \$100 more to draw cards, that being the largest single bet in the garaging of that time.

the game up to that time.

When Mathews a little too eagerly made it \$100 more Lindsay dropped and Joslyn trailed, though he looked again at the top card on the deck, and the parson at the top card on the deck, and the parson at the top card on the deck, and the parson at the top card on the deck, and the parson at the top card on the deck, and the parson at the top card on the deck, and the parson at the top card on the deck, and the parson at the top card on the deck, and the parson at the top card on the deck at the top card on th felt that a crisis was coming. Accordingly he trailed and was not in the least surprised when Joslyn called for one

Calling for two himself, he got the fourth visitors. Securing a private interview with the proprietor he had told a story and offered a proposal that came in the nature of a shock to that worthy, well used as he was to the seamy side of human nature.

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And when Mathews raised and Joslyn mature. raised again he serenely slid his into the discard.

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Thereupon Mathews called, a most egregious error by the way as he instantly perceived, and showed down a flush, but Joslyn had the ace full and of course took the pot. Meeting Faxon's look of indignant inquiry with a bland look of innocence the parson awaited the next development with more confidence. It seemed certain that Faxon was really betraying his pals, and since the result of the last deal was sure to encourage them all that was necessary was to wait for Faxon's next deal.

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Eye telegraphy was almost an exact science on the Salina, and the most of this was told to Lindsay and Foster in the next few moments, so neither of the three pushed the play for the remainder of that round. When Faxon took the deck

three pushed the play for the remainder of that round. When Faxon took the deck again they were all alert.

There was no disappointment about it. As if disgusted with his first-flasco, the traitor framed up a deal that set everybody but himself betting. There was no denying his eleverness, for he did it so well, that no one excepting perhaps the parson could have sworn that the deal was grooked. So confident were Joslyn and Mathews after their first experience that they bet all their money on the hands they held, only to lose it when Foster showed down a royal flush.

Then as they rose from the table, raging with their disappointment but striving to appear unconcerned, Lindsay said in a casual way:

"There's a matter o' \$500 atween you an'me, Faxon, but I reckon we'll arbitrate on it. I'll take your pal, Joslyn, an' you o'n pick a man an' them two o'n pick a third. If they say you'd oughter have the money I'll pay you."

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To this astounding speech Faxon had no reply ready, but while he was stammering Joslyn and Mathews demanded an explanation, which Lindsay gave them readily. Then, when the two conspirators would have killed their faithless confederate on the spot, Lindsay and Whipple covered them with their quickly drawn weapons.

weapons.
"No vi'lence onto the Salina," said
Lindsay sternly. "You uns is got yo'
skiff alongside with the niggers that done rowed yo over. I reckon yo'd better go back into her."

When Faxon drew his gun with the evident intention of selling his life as

NEWS OF THE ATHLETES

REFEREE NEEDS POWER WHEN FINISH JUDGES BLUNDER.

that the Annual Report of the Pittsburg A. C. Shows - Big Programme Mapped. Out for New Jersey A. C. Members Purse for the Professional Scullers. The necessity of investing the referee

plaringly illustrated a few nights ago in a

athletic meets with a little extra power

sprint race in Madison Square Garden. his case Bobby Kerr of Canada placed by the judges in the trial heat of the o yard special, though several unbiassed and competent men who stood around were of opinion that at the very least the Canuck should have qualified. the press stand, which was about fifteen yards from the finish line, he was leading by a yard and as he is best at 220 is natural to suppose that the further h went after fifty yards the better he moved It is of course quite possible that Ker may have lost ground as he neared the vorsted, but it is hardly in keeping with his form that any of those against him sho pass him once he was moving in full blast, Had the power rested with James F. Sulli. van, who was referee, he would have dered Kerr to start in the final, that is, in his opinion the Canadian qualified There is nothing radical in such a proceed qualified ing, for referees have been known to time and time again across the pond. As a rule the referee is selected on account of his ability and it generally happens that he is a better judge of a finish than the judges, some of whom may have had only couple of seasons experience as watch

at the winning post. In Kerr's case this state of affairs could be applicable. Here was the referee, a man who had been watching close contests and who is competent to pick the first three allow the judges, presumably honest men, make a bad decision. All other conditions of a contest are under the jurisdiction of referee. He has the qualify a runner for foul play, to order s final rerun if everything is no right and even to order an unruly compet or off the field or the floor at any time. t seems ridiculous for a referee not to have the authority to straighten out a mistal f the judges at the finish.

Perhaps if power was invested with the referee to overrule the finish officials would give unscrupulous persons ap-pointed to the post a chance to do all sorts of placings, but at any rate something ought to be done toward the alteration of the rule so that there will be no repetition of those There are a couple worth mentioning. A the A. A. U. championships of 1904 held at St. Louis Hoggenson of Chicago was said to have crossed the line first in the 100 yards yet the judges failed to place him one, two

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In the intercollegiste championships of 1903 held at the Berkeley Oval there was another notable case of misplacement and it occurred in the 100 yards. W. A. Schick of Harvard was second by fully five feet from Fay Moulton of Yale, yet when the judges turned in their verdict they gave second place to Moulton. The place was of such importance that it lost the championship cup for Harvard.

According to the first annual report of the Pittsburg Athletic Association. James J. Duffy, manager of the New York A. C. for twenty-one years, has been permanently appointed manager. For a club with a big membership no better man could be found than Duffy. He is a capital mixed added to a rare faculty of remembering names and faces. When he had charge of the Mercury Foothe knew nearly everyone of the 4,000 and odd members, the location of their places of business and could tell where they could be easily reached to judge from the report, there is every promise for the Pittsburg club in the future world of athletics. President Paines calls attention in the report to the progress of the club for the past twelve months despite the financial depression of the carlier period of the past year.

"The keen interest, he says, "indicated at a rate entirely satsfactory to she, officers. We have on the rolls January I. 1910, 2,221 members, including 2,015 resident, 146 non-resident and 60 life. The limit of resident membership has been placed at 2,500 and every effort will be made to obtain this number, but has doing sight must not be lost of the fact that the standard must be kept up and only those admitted who will add by their influence and mitted who will add by their influence and m

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